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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

July 6, 1982

Mr. Tom Castor  
Supervisory Mining Inspector  
Mine Safety & Health Administration  
421 Gold, S.W., Room 201  
P. O. Box 2245  
Albuquerque, N. M. 87103

Dear Mr. Castor:

Anaconda Minerals Company has conducted uranium mining operations on the Laguna Reservation since about 1952. During the past several years, your office of MSHA has had the federal mine safety jurisdiction over this operation.

By this letter, please be informed that Anaconda ceased all mining operations at the Jackpile-Paguate Mine site on 12 February 1982, and the leases on the land where mining had taken place terminated. Although Anaconda has proposed a mine reclamation plan, it has no right to conduct mining operations on the terminated lease areas.

By agreement between Anaconda and the Pueblo of Laguna, Anaconda maintains presence at the mine site to provide security for the mine area and safety for the limited Anaconda activities, and to maintain equipment which has not yet been removed from the area.

All underground workings have been barricaded to prevent access.

We are still circulating air in P-10 but we anticipate that in the next week or so we will remove the P-10 fans and lock the access.

Anaconda activities will be limited to the security and safety described above and limited mothball maintenance activity while a reclamation plan is being considered.

The mine reclamation plan has been submitted to the U. S. Department of Interior for approval.

We have appreciated the assistance you and your office have given us.

Sincerely,



R. D. Lynn  
General Manager

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cc: Mr. Dale Jones, MMS  
Governor Early, Pueblo of Laguna ✓  
XC: Business Manager  
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